

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 10, the paragraph starting on line 11, is amended as follows to change "block 200" to --block 302--:

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Referring as well to FIG. 3, a method 200 is shown for enabling a user of a wireless communications device to participate in an instant messaging service without making a data connection. In block 302, the wireless communication device 100 enters an active state. In one embodiment, the active state is the state of the wireless communication device 100 when that device is powered up but is not connected to the wireless communication network 200. For example, if the wireless communication device 100 is a wireless telephone, then in block 302 ~~200~~ the telephone is turned on but no voice or data connection is made with the wireless communications network 200. As another example, if the wireless communication device 100 is a PDA, then in block 302 the PDA is turned on but is not connected to the wireless communication network 200. When the wireless communication device 100 enters an active state, an indication that the device 100 has entered an active state is transmitted to the wireless communication network 200, as is standard. If the device 100 is in range of the network 200, the network 200 will recognize the presence of the active device 100.

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